

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's analysis of the art and comments.

Allowance of claims 14-20 is also acknowledged with appreciation.

Claims 1-13 were rejected as anticipated by Kagawa. Reconsideration is requested.

To clarify the subject matter of the claims, the limitation semiconductor device has been changed to semiconductor switch where applicable. Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to call for a leadframe which includes

“a plurality of isolated conductive pads in addition to said at least one conductive pad each integrally connected to a respective external lead extending to the exterior of said housing element, said plurality of isolated conductive pads being arranged opposite to said at least one conductive pad and having disposed on one major surface thereof at least a power semiconductor switch”.

Kagawa does not show a semiconductor switch on a conductive pad that is integral with a lead. Rather, it shows capacitors 7, 8 on pads 3. Note that semiconductor switches 6 are not disposed on a pad that is integral with a lead as called for by claim 1.

Furthermore, claim 1 calls for at least one pad integral with a lead, and a plurality of pads spaced from the at least one pad each with an integral lead. Thus, claim 1 calls for more than three pads each with an integral lead having a power semiconductor switch disposed thereon, whereas, Kagawa shows only two pads 3 each without a power semiconductor switch thereon. Claim 1 is, therefore, distinguishable over Kagawa. Reconsideration is requested.

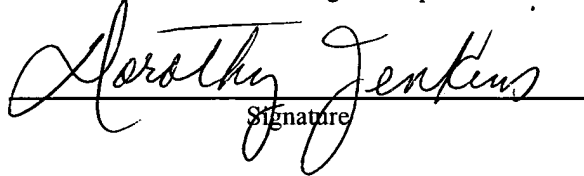
The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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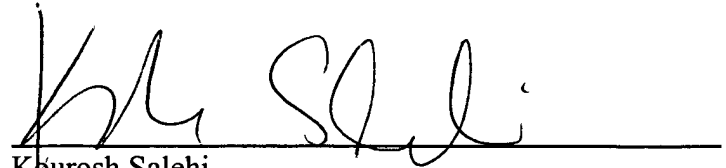
  
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